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Welcome to the first issue of the Creature.

This is my first fanzine effort, and the creature is just one of 40 ideas I've had for a fanzine comic character; mostly the others were super-heroes, so I thought as a change of pace I'd use one of the most different ones. Occult stories have always interested me, but PROCOMICS in most cases have fallen short of what I feel a good sorcery story should be; KIRBY'S DEMON, LEE & DITKO'S and BRUNNER'S DR. STRANGE; and CONAN were perfect! Roy Thomas plays up the savage elements in Conan, (which is fine with me) rather than the magical ones. In the direction of sorcery I'll say that Conan is good, the Demon was better, and Dr. Strange is the best; the Demon would be tied, but after the sixth issue the book seemed to get less and less mysterious as the Demon's savagery was played down. I think the book would still be with us today, if Kirby would've made the Demon mysterious like Batman but savage like the mangog. Now I'm not going to pattern the creature after Batman and Mangog, but I am going to try and make him more savage and mysterious than the professional comics can. Usually I contribute illoes and strips to other zines; and (with the exception of Paul Legrazie's (now defunct) fanzines, Journey into comics etc.) I've usually conformed to someone else's idea of what pro art is suppose to look like, or draw someone else's stories. Well now I have (at last) TOTAL FREEDOM NO COMICS CODE, OR KNOW IT ALL FANZINE EDITORS, WHO BECAUSE OF A FEW PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS, ACT LIKE THEY'RE ART DIRECTORS FOR MARVEL OR NATIONAL COMICS, AND BY CONTRIBUTING TO THEIR ZINES YOU'LL LAND PRO EMPLOYMENT. Nope none of that (expletive deleted). Now while I can't say if the story or art is any better inspite of them... I CAN say I've had more fun doing it.

Hope you enjoy it too!! *Carl Taylor* Carl W. Taylor

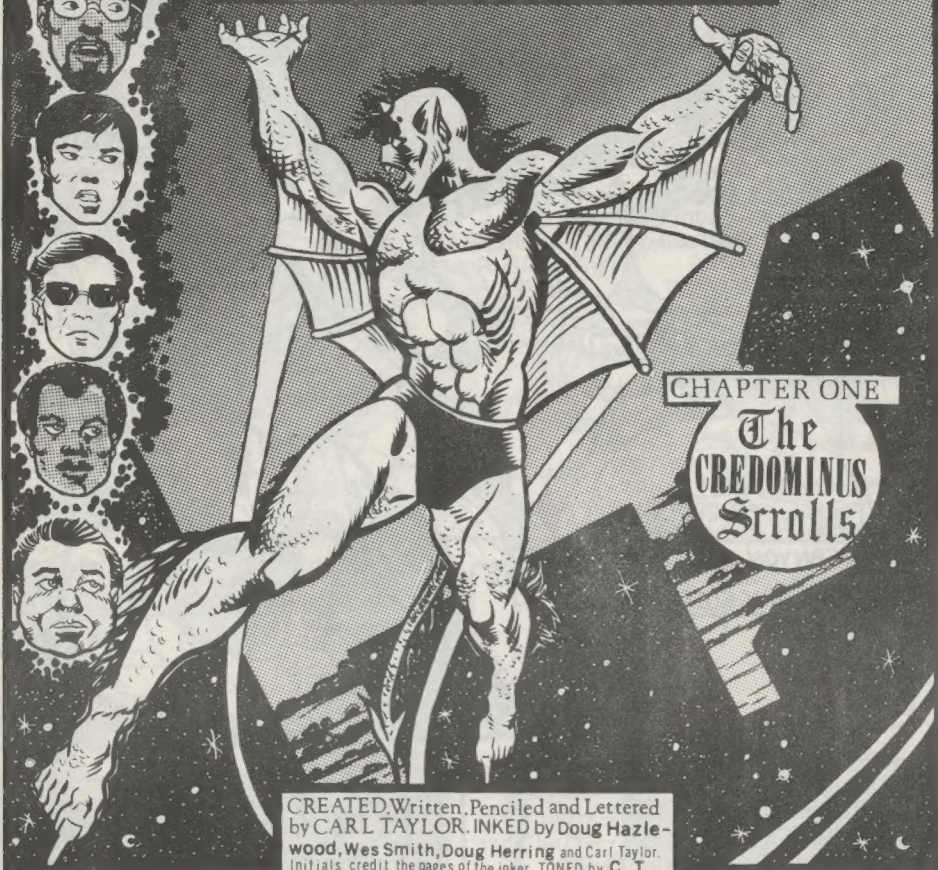
The above was typed up around mid '74,...alot has changed since then. I had forgot to mention that I thought Swampthing and Manthing are good and that it's just most of the continued sorcery stories that aren't as creative as they could be. There have always been great singular stories from all the companies, Warren, Marvel, DC, etc. Fanzines and their editors have finally done what they've wanted to do since I started contributing for free back in '71, stop me from contributing; so I'm going to be exclusive now; Instead of sending out my art to every zine I can, I'm going to charge all except the zine editors I feel have been fair AND are friends. So CPL, Epoch, Fan Flight, Corrigan Comics, PPFSZT, etc; REST!! Carl Taylor won't bug you anymore! Onward... I've been influenced by Kane and Kirby alot, BUT as well I've been influenced by ADAMS, DITKO and '66 to '70 Colon, and NON COMICS pros like George B. Bridgeman. I don't SWIPE!! I don't need to. I've redone some of the pages of this '73 project; write me and let me know what you think of it okay? later watergaters.

CARL COMICS ISN'T STOPPING **HERE!!!** THERE WILL BE MORE other than creature!!!

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CHAPTER ONE

The CREDOMINUS Scrolls

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This story begins with KEITH EDRICKS (professor and scoffed archaeologist) about to DISCOVER something which will CHANGE his life and the lives of BRIAN LEE, his top student, and (former students now shrewd business men) RYAN MASON, BILL JOHNSON and CHARLES FRANKLIN. They will learn the reality of MYSTIC POWER! This story starts NOW...



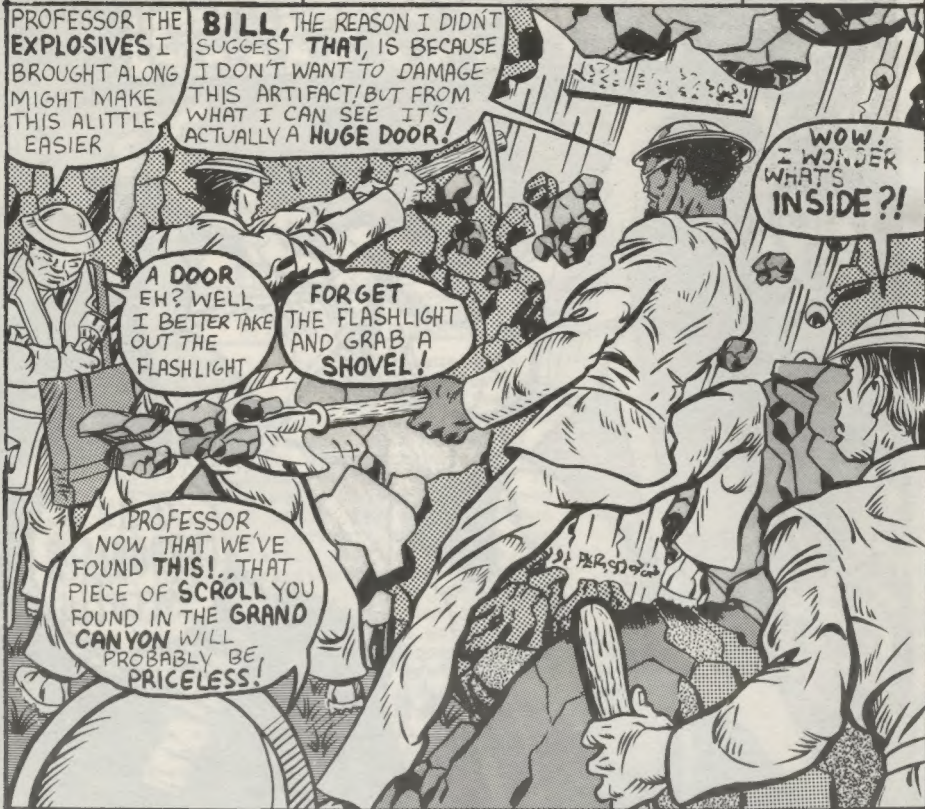
LEE!
MASON!
EVERYONE!! I
THINK I'VE FOUND
SOMETHING!!

WHAT IS IT
KEITH? A
ANCIENT TOOL
PROVING YOUR
THEORIES?

BETTER BRIAN A
SMOOTH PLATE OF ALLOY
NOT YET PERFECTED BY
TODAY'S SCIENCE WITH
CREDOMINUESE
SCRIPT ON IT!!



WASTING NO TIME THE FIVE SPECULATORS SET THEMSELVES TO THE TASK OF UNCOVERING THE STRANGE GLEAMING METAL!

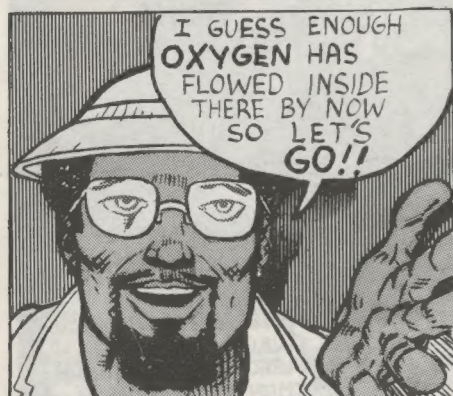


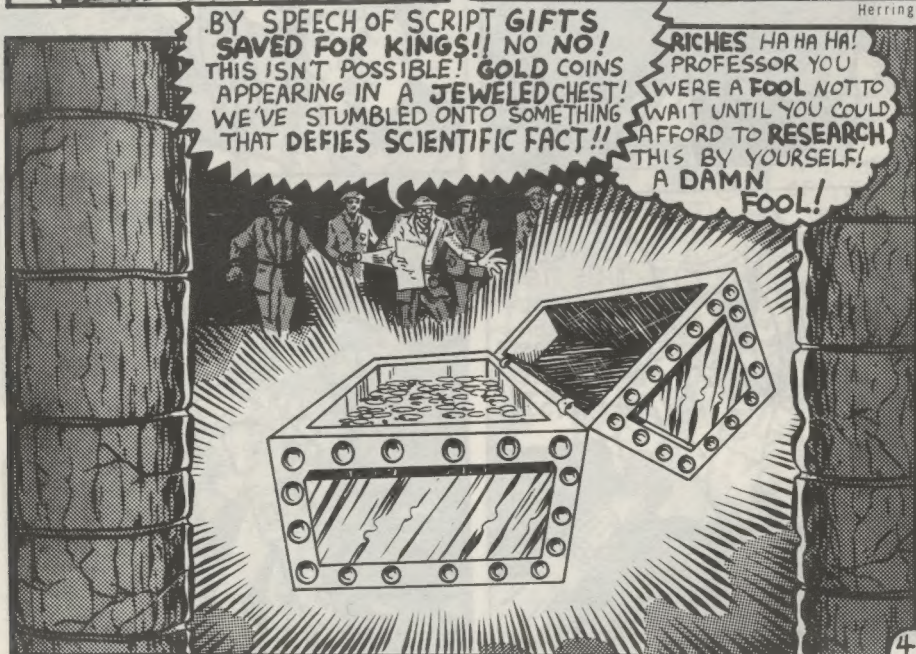
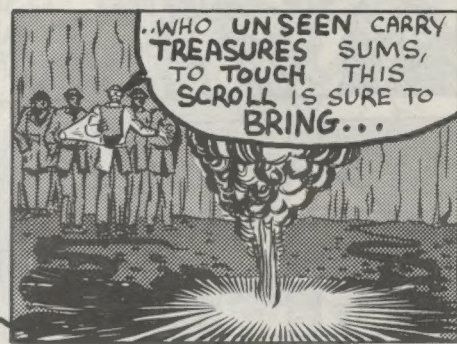
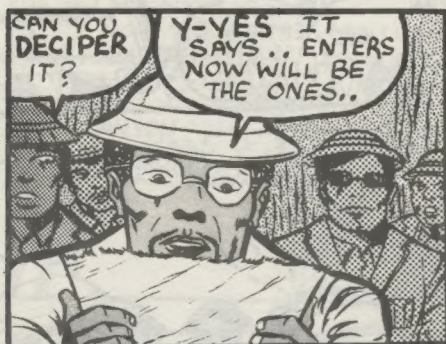
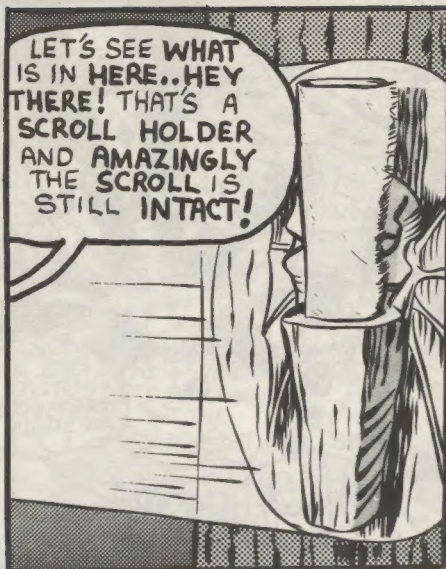
Smith

One half hour later after clearing the ground and rock from around the doorway, the five explorers find that they can't pry open the Door!



...TWO MINUTES LATER...





ER..LET'S CONTINUE TO
EXPLORE! AFTER THAT
EVENT I CAN'T WAIT TO
SEE WHAT ELSE IS IN HERE!



AMAZING
IT'S REALLY
REAL!

OKAY! LET'S
GO! WELL RYAN I'M
GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE MORE
INTERESTED IN SCIENCE
THAN IN MONETARY GAIN!

HABA HAH! RYAN'S
JUST GREEDIER THAN
THE REST OF US
THREE!



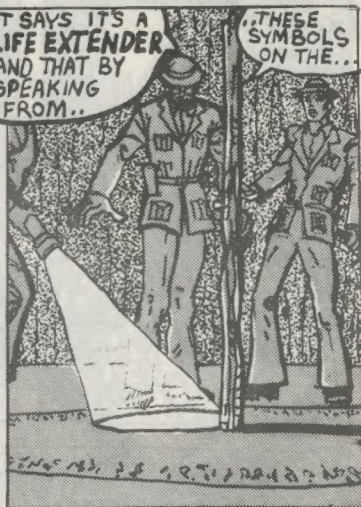
WELL I
DON'T CARE
HOW GREEDY
HE IS I'M
STILL GETTING
MY THIRD!

I KNEW IT!!
I KNEW THEY
COULDN'T BE
TRUSTED! I'VE
GOT TO WARN
KEITH!!

HURRY WITH THE FLASHLIGHT I SEEM
TO HAVE FOUND SOMETHING ELSE!!
LOOKS LIKE A CIRCLE WITH
A POLE IN THE CENTER
OF IT !!



IT SAYS IT'S A
LIFE EXTENDER
AND THAT BY
SPEAKING
FROM...



..THESE
SYMBOLS
ON THE...

Taylor

..GROUND AND
WALKING TO YOUR
LEFT, RIGHT
WHILE...

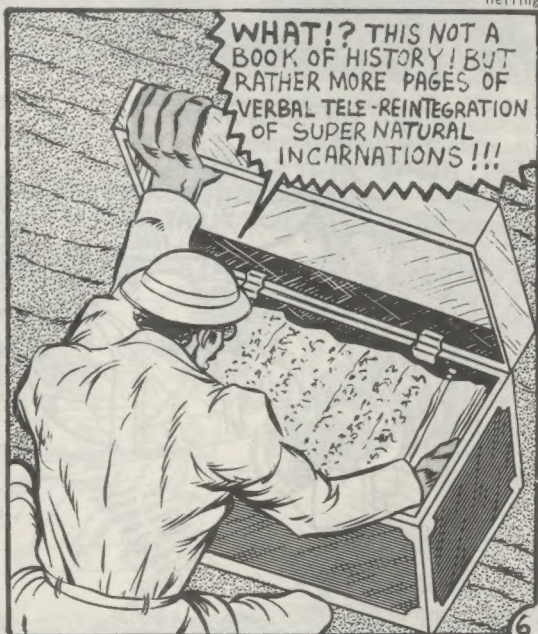
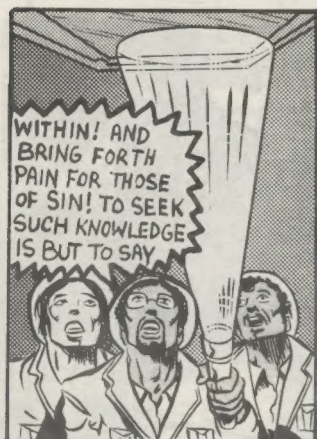
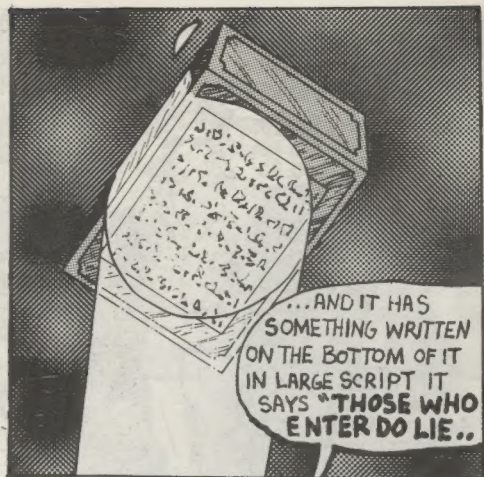
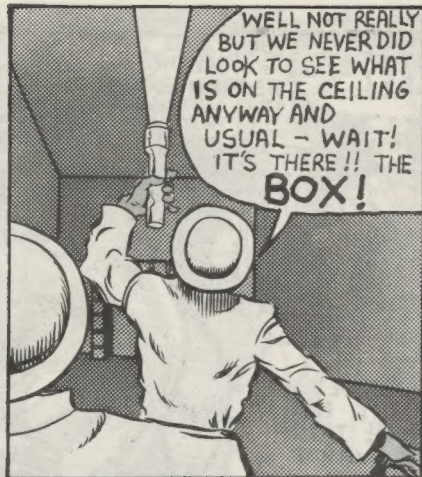
TOUCHING THIS POLE YOU
BECOME TEN YEARS YOUNGER!
IT SUPPOSELY DRAWS ITS
MAGICAL POWER FROM A
BOX FLOATING NEAR THE
CEILING...



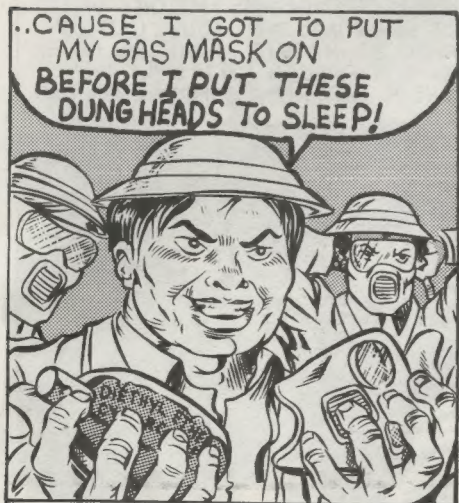
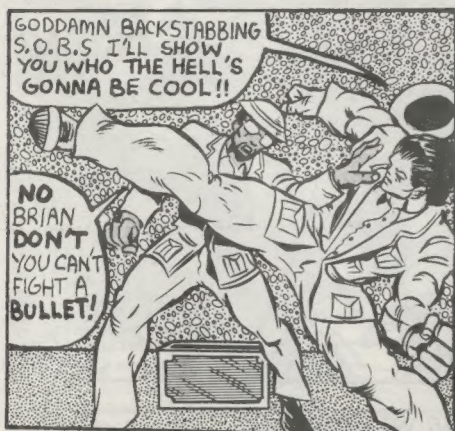
BRIAN
COULD
YOU
HAND ME
THE
FLASHLIGHT?

PROF. EDRICKS!
YOU DON'T THINK
THAT THIS STUPID
STICK IN THE GROUND
THING ACTUALLY
WORKS DO YOU?





Herring



THANK YOU EDDRICKS!
THANK YOU FOR MAKING
THE THREE OF
US **FILTHY**
RICH!!



COUGH
COUGH AGRRG!
COUGH R-RYAN
COME BACK!! DON'T
DO THIS! THIS
DISCOVERY IS
BEYOND JUST
MONETARY
GAAAAAAI N/N

It is 150 minutes later that
consciousness returns to Keith
Eddricks a consciousness that
may well have been in VAIN!!

OH! I KNEW IT WAS TOO
GOOD TO BE TRUE! IT WAS
ALL A (YAWN) DREAM I
GUESS I SHOULD
WAIT A
MINUTE!!



THIS IS REAL AND WHAT'S
MORE BRIAN'S GONE! THE
GAS MUST HAVE WORE OFF
OF HIM SOONER OR?

BRIAN!
BRIAN!

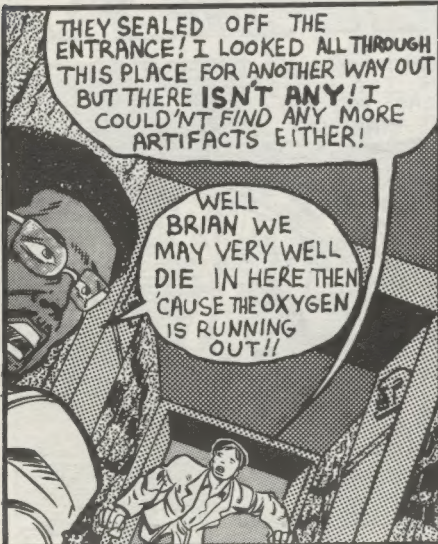


I'M OKAY!
KEITH BUT
WE'RE
TRAPPED!

Smith

THEY SEALED OFF THE
ENTRANCE! I LOOKED ALL THROUGH
THIS PLACE FOR ANOTHER WAY OUT
BUT THERE ISN'T ANY! I
COULDN'T FIND ANY MORE
ARTIFACTS EITHER!

WELL
BRIAN WE
MAY VERY WELL
DIE IN HERE THEN
CAUSE THE OXYGEN
IS RUNNING
OUT!!



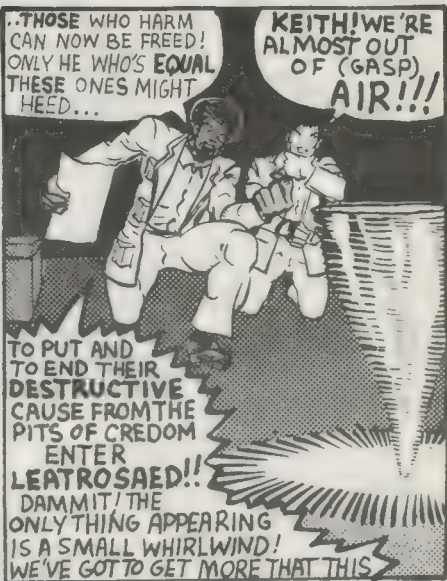
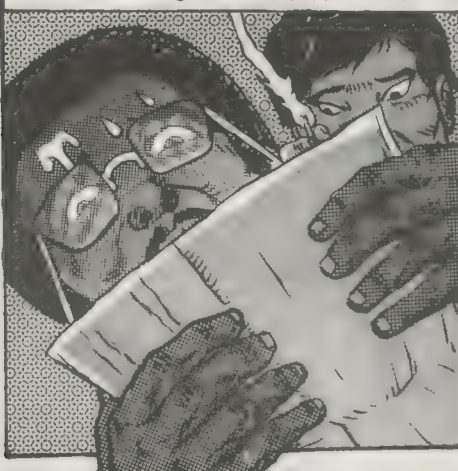
BUT WE'VE GOT ONE
CHANCE! ONE PAGE WAS
NOT SEWN INTO THE
SCROLL BOOK! BUT
I'LL NEED ENOUGH
LIGHT TO DECIPHER IT!

YEAH BUT THOSE
MATCHES WILL
JUST USE UP
OUR AIR FASTER!
IF ONLY THEY
HADN'T TAKEN THE
FLASHLIGHT WITH THEM



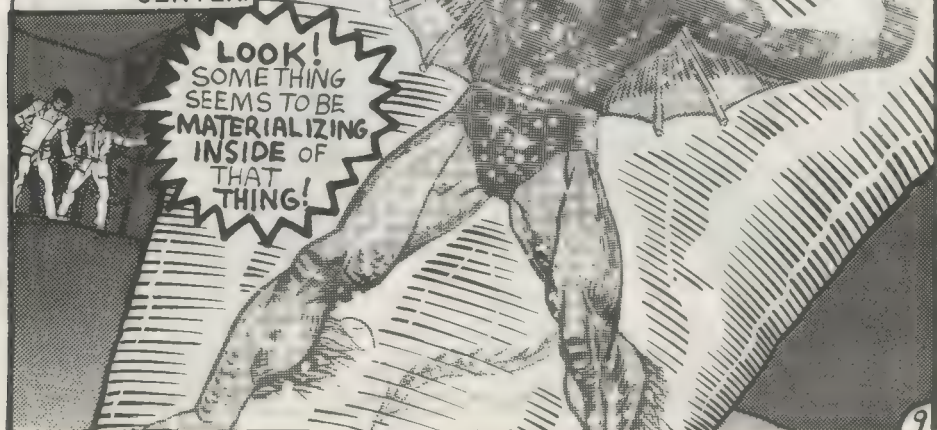


The question goes unanswered as Keith Eddricks begins the task of translating the ancient literature. Then Finally one hour later with only 15 minutes of oxygen left he succeeds.....



Taylor

And more than that they do, as the whirlwind GROWS Larger and LARGER, Whirling Faster and FASTER Until SUDDENLY it Darts Away From THEM AND BEGINS TO GROW Dark at it's CENTER!



SomeTHING is Right! For it is a DEMON
a MERCILESS, KILLCRAZY, BLOOD-
LUSTING CREATURE!!

Who's very PRESENCE emanates
IMMEASURABLE Fear into the souls of
Keith Eddricks and Brian Lee.

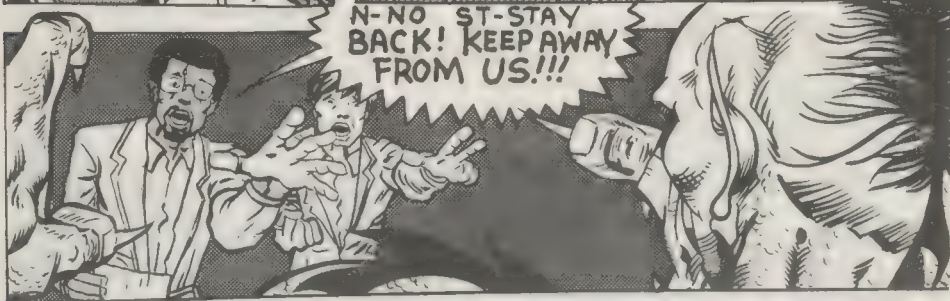
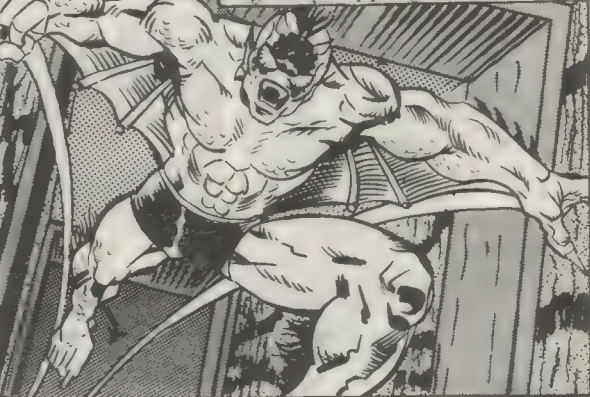


IT... IT WAS ALL
FOR NOTHING WE'D
HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF
SUFFOCATING! CAUSE THIS
THING WILL SURELY KILL US!!!

I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOU DAMMIT! NOW BECAUSE OF ME THOSE PETTY FOOLS WILL BE RICH WHILE WE'LL BE DEAD!!

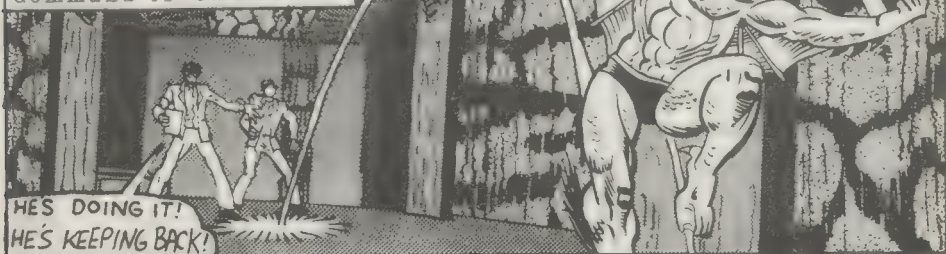


..Suddenly as if in answer to those very words "The CREATURE" springs toward them! His POWERFUL frame reflecting body ripping STRENGTH!

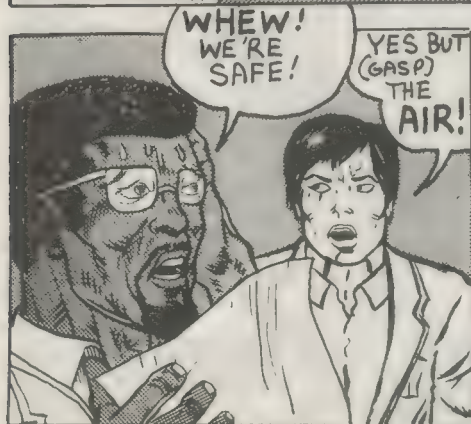


N-NO ST-STAY BACK! KEEP AWAY FROM US!!!

A COMMAND IS GIVEN!
and Surprisingly a
Command is OBEYED!

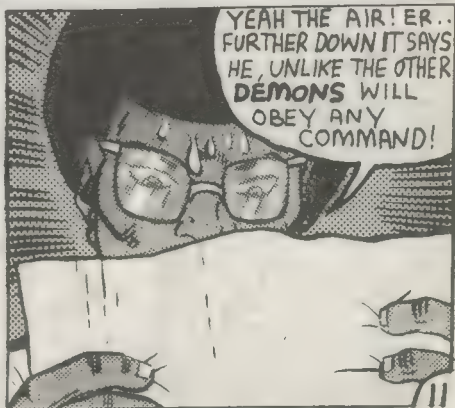


HE'S DOING IT!
HE'S KEEPING BACK!



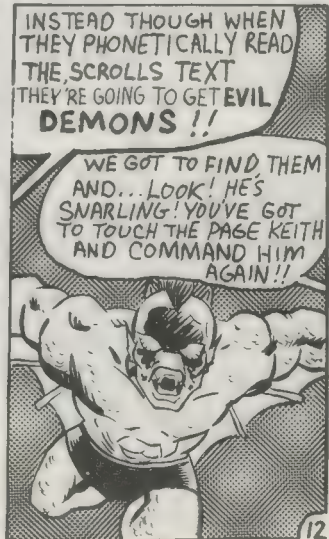
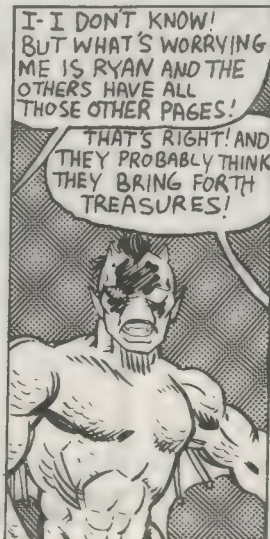
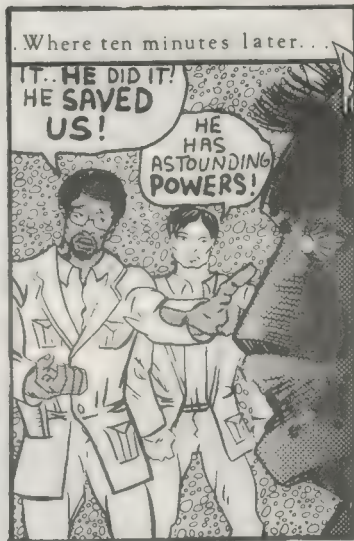
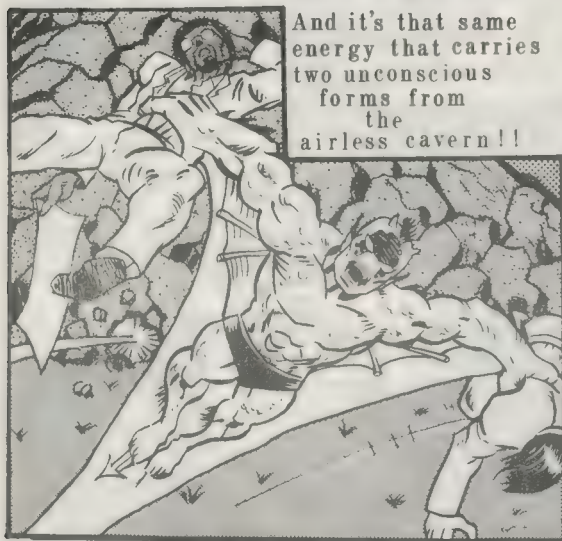
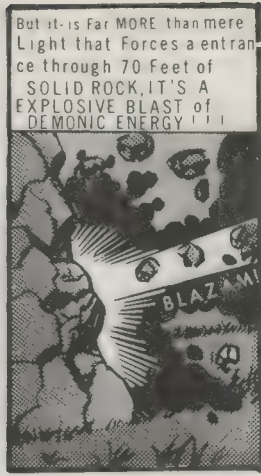
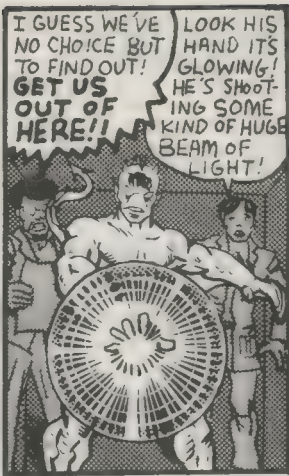
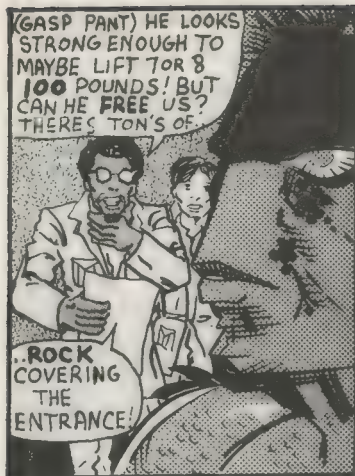
WHEW!
WE'RE
SAFE!

YES BUT
(GASP)
THE
AIR!



YEAH THE AIR! ER..
FURTHER DOWN IT SAYS
HE, UNLIKE THE OTHER
DEMONS WILL
OBEY ANY
COMMAND!

Taylor



Tay or

SHHH IT! LEATROSAED
LEATROSAED ENTERED
HERE! RETURN
BACK
NOW!
DEASORTAE



HE'S
VANISHING
JUST IN
TIME!

THIS IS SO UNBELIEVABLE!
WE'VE GOT TO REPORT
THIS TO SOME AUTHORITIES
CAUSE, CHARLES, WILLIAM
AND RYAN COULD DESTROY
THE WORLD WITH THOSE KIND
OF CREATURES!!!!



And so they started back to
the city in the same car
they arrived in, with a
CREDOMINUS Scroll! Man-
kind's only defense against the



possible evil Demons!
Meanwhile with Charles,
Ryan, and William....

POUR WILLIAM, ANOTHER
GLASS OF WINE MARGARET
DEAR..WE'VE JUST MADE
THE MOST SPECTACULAR
BUSINESS FIND SINCE..



..MAN-
KIND HAS
EXISTED!!
THE EIGHTH
WONDER OF
THE WORLD!

Taylor

LOOK RYAN EVEN THOUGH
CHARLES DID SHOW ME
THAT OLD ANCIENT COIN
YOU REALLY DON'T THINK
I BELIEVED ALL OF WHAT
YOU TOLD ME DO
YOU??



WELL DAMMIT I'LL SHOW Y-YOU
THEN, NOW THE GOOD PROFESSOR
NEVER DID TEACH ME HOW TO
TRANSLATE ALL OF THIS ANCIENT
SCRAWL BUT BACK WHEN HE FIRST
DISCOVERED THE ZOKATONIAN
CIVILIZATION HE TAUGHT ME
HOW TO PRONOUNCE EACH LETTER
SYMBOL SO I
SHOULD BE ABLE
TO MAKE SOME
KIND OF
RICHES
APPEAR!



HA HA I DON'T
BELIEVE IT! HA HA
HAH! YOU MEAN IT!
YOU ACTUALLY THINK
THAT BY READING FROM
THAT OLD SCROLL...



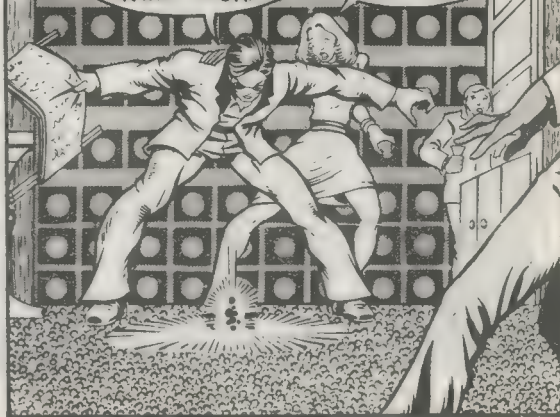
... THAT A CHEST OF MONEY IS GOING TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF YOU! WELL HAHA I THINK THE PROFESSOR PULLED A FAST ONE ON YOU GUYS AND YOU STILL DON'T KNOW IT!!

WELL IF HE DID THAT'S THE LAST ONE HE'LL EVER PULL! NOW QUIET I'M GOING TO READ OUT THE SOUNDS FROM THIS PAGE...

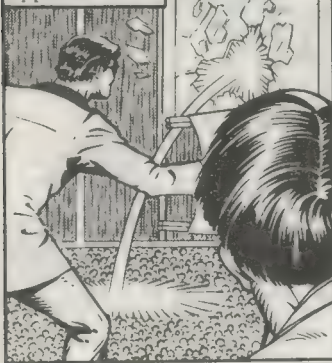


ROK ZON TAK REYON E DEMI LOKTILON SLEGROETOTH!! THE FLOOR'S STARTING TO SHINE AND... NO JEWELS OR MONEY DAMN!

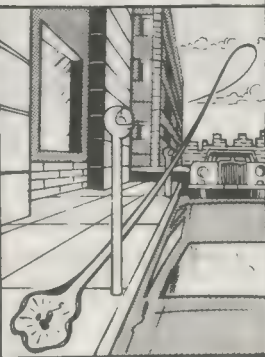
NO MONEY BUT YOU DID MAKE SOMETHING APPEAR A WEIRD LOOKING SLUG! AND THAT MEANS YOU WEREN'T KIDDING!!



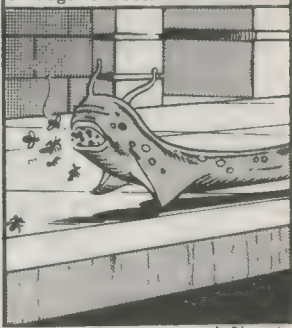
Suddenly the small slug thing LEAPS through a window leaving Ryan Mason apprehensive!



Zooming down to a city sidewalk the demon Slegroetoth begins to use it's Mystical Power!



The power to draw any living thing except it's summoners, into it's ever Consuming mouth. First it begins with small insects

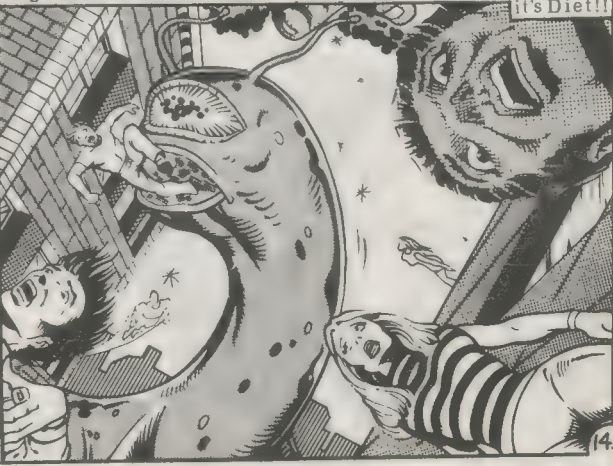


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Then, growing Larger it Devours small animals turning their flesh and bone into INSTANT vitamin and protein for it's hungry and Multiply cells!!



It's almost Magetic suction power makes it's prey Weightless so that in a mere 70 minutes what was once just a slug out of the distant past, is now a Towering Monster of DESTRUCTION adding now Human lives to it's Diet!!



It is so **GHASTLY** a sight to behold that even Ryan Mason the uncaring is **HORRIFIED!!**

OH RYAN WHAT HAVE YOU DONE THIS IS **TERRIBLE!!!**



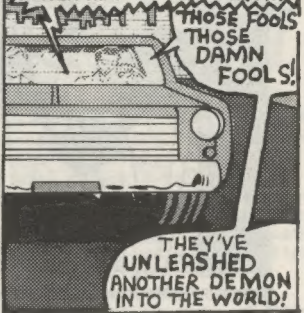
NO NO! I DIDN'T MEAN FOR THIS TO HAPPEN!!

RYAN GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF MY BOY! WE'VE GOT **POWER** NOW! POWER TO **RULE** THIS TOWN BUDDY! NOW JUST GO OVER AND TRY AND GET RID OF THAT THING WHILE I CALL THE TOP CITY OFFICIALS



ABOUT SOME DEMANDS

ATTENTION ALL CITIZENS OF OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA! **EVACUATE! EVACUATE!** A GIGANTIC DEADLY GASTROPODIC CREATURE IS ATTACKING YOUR AREA! IT HAS A STRANGE SUCTION POWER THAT DEFIES GRAVITY.



THOSE FOOLS THOSE DAMN FOOLS!

THEY'VE UNLEASHED ANOTHER DEMON INTO THE WORLD!

WHY ARE WE STOPPING IN FRONT OF THIS ALLEY KEITH!? YOU DON'T THINK OUR CREATURE CAN STOP THAT THING DO YOU?



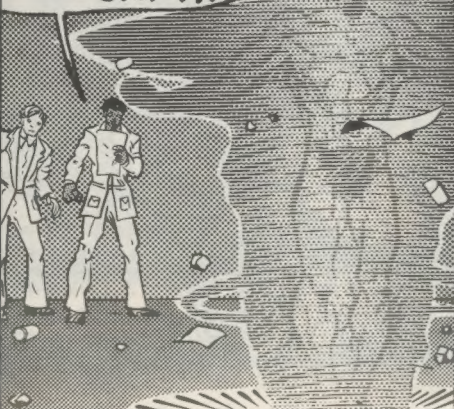
IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE BRIAN! YOU HEARD THE NEWS! THAT MONSTER HAS ALREADY EATEN EVERYTHING FROM 1ST STREET TO TENTH ON MAIN AND IT'S GETTING BIGGER!

SO HERE GOES... ONE WHO HARMS HAS NOW BEEN FREED ONLY HE WHO'S EQUAL THIS ONE MIGHT HEED! TO PUT TO END ITS **DESTRUCTIVE CAUSE**



Smith

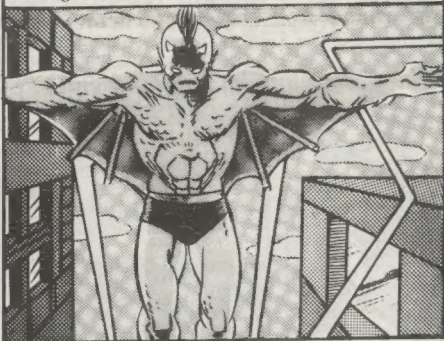
FROM THE PITS OF CREDOM ENTER LEATROSAED!! HE'S APPEARING!!...ER LEATROSAED...THERE IS A GIANT DEMON KILLING HUMANS **STOP IT!**



With those words the **POWERFUL** form of the CREATURE Springs to the Sky **EAGER** for **DESTRUCTIVE CONFRONTATION.**



As he instinctively Flies toward his destination "LEATROSAED" observes how this world has Changed since he had last roamed it.....



...the population has increased tremendous-ly and the Creature a Wonder himself is amazed at technologies turn! BUT all...



Hazlewood

...thoughts of the past are brought to a SUDDEN STOP! as Leatrosaed faces a Demon unlike any he's fought before! It's name? SLEGROETOTH! a being thought of as Legend...



by the CREATURE! a Abomination that DEVOURS WORLDS of LIFE!! A COMMAND WAS GIVEN! Can the CREATURE Fulfull the Given COMMAND?! DON'T MISS THE NEXT SUPER EXCITING ADVENTURE! entitled "Unleashed the LOKONDRADOX!"

NEXT ISSUE COLOR FRONT and BACK COVERS, NEW SIZE, NEAL ADAMS VERSION OF THE CREATURE!! PLUS MORE PAGES! also on the next page is a typo, should be "bought" not brought.



LETTERS OF CREDOMMENT



BELOW: A layout sketch by

GIL KANE



BELOW: THE ABOVE LAYOUT USED TO PREVIEW ONE OF THE CREATURE'S
UPCOMING FOES..... THE PILGROM!!



If... (and I do mean IF) by some miracle I get off my ass and draw a second issue of this book, this will be the letters page; which will be as long as the amount I receive. Also I hope to have in this section one comics pro illoe per issue; (For those who tire of just me all the time) OH And Thanks alot to Doug Hazlewood, Wes Smith, & Dave Stevens, for inking some of the pages & the cover of this book I feel If they were Pros, they'd be among best; infact Stevens has gone professional. Thanks to David Hamilton for helping me to get this book out and also (Cliche) my thanks to all who brought this idea of mine; I appreciate it.

Below (again)
are some fanzine friends
of mine. Check out their
publications; you might
like'm.

...so later wait'ers

In order:

1. Journey into comics #14
Paul Legrazie Jr.
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3. Starreach
Mike Friedrich
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5. Graphic Visions
Chris Lomelino
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THREE LAST MINUTE MESSAGES

First: Mike Friedrich is a professional (publisher) friend, (or rather used to be until I lazily did'nt finish a story for him.) and not a fanzine friend. Second: Doug Herring is a fantastic inker-artist who has just contacted me, and should get a page or two from this issue to ink. (as I type this, the inside pages haven't been finished yet). The Mighty Comics is another zine I forgot to plug.

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